THERE IS A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN "NEWS" AND "POLITICAL SPEECH" THAT SINCLAIR BROADCASTING IS DEFIANTLY FLAUNTING, AS THEY FEEL EMPOWERED BY THE FAULTY FCC DECISION TO ALLOW SO MUCH MEDIA CONSOLIDATION. NOW THE FCC HAS THE OPPORTUNITY AND DUTY TO REIGN IN THIS BLATANT ABUSE OF THE PUBLIC AIRWAVES BY SINCLAIR FOR A PARTISAN POLITICAL AGENDA. OUR DEMOCRACY IS FRAGILE ENOUGH AND SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY GREEDY PARTISANS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE AISLE. IF SINCLAIR IS ALLOWED TO FORCE ALL OF ITS LOCAL STATIONS TO AIR A BIASED ANTI-KERRY DIATRIBE IN THE FEW DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF YOUR FAULTY RULINGS ALLOWING SUCH CONSOLIDATION, THEIR BIG BUSINESS (BOTTOMLINE) INTERESTS, AND NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, OR THAT OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I WILL BE LISTENING

TO SEE HOW YOU DEAL WITH THIS AND OTHER MEDIA ISSUES. Thank you.